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The Honorable Susan Golding, Chair  
MLPA Initiative Blue Ribbon Task Force  
C/o California Resources Agency  
1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1311  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Proposals for Pescadero Creek and Marsh in MLPA Planning

Dear Ms. Golding:

We are writing to express our opposition to any MLPA planning which would eliminate recreational fishing on Pescadero and Butano Creeks. Our property, Level Lea Farm, borders both creeks in Pescadero and is adjacent to the Pescadero Marsh. The property has been in the family for almost 150 years and we have always supported the health of the creeks and their fish populations.

The name of our town, Pescadero, actually means "fish seller" in Spanish. The local angling community and the sportsmen who visit have long been caring stewards of the creeks, marsh and beaches here. There is an impressive history of conservation efforts and projects to benefit the creeks, the marsh and our fish populations. Townspeople, our students, farmers, local anglers, the Native Sons of the Golden West, and fly fishing clubs in the area are some of the groups have collaborated over the years to protect our local fishing habitat and continue our rich heritage of sport fishing. Our creeks and the lagoon have benefited immensely over the years from their efforts. We believe that the elimination of recreational fishing would dampen enthusiasm for these conservation efforts, and only be to the detriment of this critical resource habitat.

Please include our comments in your consideration of future MLPA plans. We appreciate the opportunity to comment on this process.

Respectfully,



James H. Reynolds



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